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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: NUCLEIC ACID ISOLATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 5, 6, 8-12, 14-16 and 18 as follows:

Claim 5, line 1, change "any one of Claims 1 to 4" to --Claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 1, change "any one of Claims 1 to 4" to --Claim 1--.

Claim 8, line 1, delete "or 7".

Claim 9, lines 1-2, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --Claim 1--.

Claim 10, line 1, change "any one of Claims 1 to 8" to --Claim 1--.

Claim 11, lines 1-2, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --Claim 1--.

Claim 12, lines 1-2, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --Claim 1--.

Claim 14, lines 1-2, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --Claim 1--.

Claim 15, lines 1-2, change "any one of the preceding claims to --Claim 1--.